and approved for Rs. 23.73 crores and Rs. 86.91 crores respectively. In addition, Annual Work Plans for the six DPEP districts were approved for Rs. 49.55 crores and Rs. 30.21 crores during 2001-02 and 2002-03 respectively.

(c) 1:40 (One teacher for every forty pupils).

(d) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is an additionality *i.e.*, over and above the expenditure already incurred by the States/Union Territories in 1999-2000 immediately prior to the launching of the Abhiyan. Hence only the salary and expenses of additional teachers required to maintain the Teacher-Student ratio at the level of 1:40 will be borne by the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).

Revival of IISCO

*177. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of the revival package plan for sustaining the operations at the Burnpur-based steel plant of IISCO; and

(b) what is the present state of the affairs of this steel plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) A rehabilitation proposal for Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited (IISCO) is currently under examination of Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), the Operating Agency (OA) of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).

(b) Burnpur Works of IISCO is not in a good condition due to technological obsolescence, ageing of plant and equipment, outmoded technology and lack of necessary capital inputs etc. Its saleable steel production has come down to 302 thousand tonnes per annum in 2001-02 as compared to 387 thousand tonnes per annum in 1991-92 and its accumulated losses as on 30.9.2002 are Rs. 897.48 crore.

Rolling back of fertilizer's prices

†*178. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to roll back the increased prices of fertilizers;

(b) if so, by when a final decision would be taken in this regard;

†Orignal notice of the question received in Hindi.